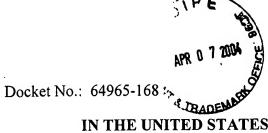
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

QI XIANG : Confirmation Number: 9283

Serial No.: 10/620,605 : Group Art Unit: 2811

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For: CMOS WITH STRAINED SILICON CHANNEL NMOS AND SILICON

GERMANIUM CHANNEL PMOS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Response To Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of March 10, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group II (method claims 10-20) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

It is noted that claims 1-9 were previously canceled on July 17, 2004, at the time the this divisional application was filed. A copy of the transmittal letter as well as the stamped postcard acknowledgement are attached hereto. Acknowledgment of the cancellation of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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